

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. In the Office Action dated October 5, 2007, the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. In the Amendment filed January 7, 2008, in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2007, amendments to the claims were submitted. In a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 28, 2008, the Examiner required that the Listing of Claims be re-submitted using the seven accepted claim status identifiers. Applicant hereby re-submits corrected amendments to the claims section consistent with the Amendment filed January 7, 2008, incorporating the proper claim status identifiers. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,  
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